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***"AN ACT PROPOSING COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
REFORM FOR STATE-WIDE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES AND  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OFFICES."***

1 After line 1925, insert the following and renumber the remaining  
2 section accordingly:

3 "Sec. 41. Section 9-333o of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

5 (a) No business entity shall make any contributions or expenditures  
6 to, or for the benefit of, any candidate's campaign for election to any  
7 public office or position subject to this chapter or for nomination at a  
8 primary for any such office or position, or to promote the defeat of any  
9 candidate for any such office or position, or to promote the success or  
10 defeat of any political party, except as provided in subsection (b) of  
11 this section.

12 (b) A business entity may make reasonable and necessary transfers  
13 or disbursements to or for the benefit of a political committee

14 established by such business entity, for the administration of, or  
15 solicitation of contributions to, such political committee. Nonmonetary  
16 contributions by a business entity which are incidental in nature and  
17 are directly attributable to the administration of such political  
18 committee shall be exempt from the reporting requirements of this  
19 chapter.

20 (c) The provisions of this section shall not preclude a business entity  
21 from making contributions or expenditures to promote the success or  
22 defeat of a referendum question.

23 (d) A political committee organized by a business entity shall not  
24 make a contribution or contributions to or for the benefit of any  
25 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or any candidate's  
26 campaign for election. [to the office of: (1) Governor, in excess of five  
27 thousand dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State,  
28 Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of three  
29 thousand dollars; (3) state senator, probate judge or chief executive  
30 officer of a town, city or borough, in excess of one thousand dollars; (4)  
31 state representative, in excess of five hundred dollars; or (5) any other  
32 office of a municipality not included in subdivision (3) of this  
33 subsection, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars; or an exploratory  
34 committee, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars. The limits imposed  
35 by this subsection shall apply separately to primaries and elections and  
36 contributions by any such committee to candidates designated in this  
37 subsection shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars in the  
38 aggregate for any single election and primary preliminary thereto.  
39 Contributions to such committees shall also be subject to the  
40 provisions of section 9-333t in the case of committees formed for  
41 ongoing political activity or section 9-333u in the case of committees  
42 formed for a single election or primary.]

43 (e) A political committee organized by a business entity may make  
44 unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, another political  
45 committee organized by a business entity or to a party committee. No  
46 political committee organized by a business entity shall make a

47 contribution to an exploratory committee. [in excess of two hundred  
48 fifty dollars.] No such political committee shall make a contribution or  
49 contributions in excess of two thousand dollars to any other kind of  
50 political committee, in any one calendar year if organized for ongoing  
51 political activities, or if formed for a single primary, election or  
52 referendum, with respect to such primary, election or referendum.

53 (f) As used in this subsection, "investment services" means legal  
54 services, investment banking services, investment advisory services,  
55 underwriting services, financial advisory services or brokerage firm  
56 services. No political committee established by a firm which provides  
57 investment services and to which the Treasurer pays compensation,  
58 expenses or fees or issues a contract shall make a contribution on or  
59 after October 1, 1995, to, or solicit contributions on or after said date on  
60 behalf of, an exploratory committee or candidate committee  
61 established by a candidate for nomination or election to the office of  
62 Treasurer during the term of office of the Treasurer which does  
63 business with such firm.

64 Sec. 42. Subsection (a) of section 9-333p of the general statutes is  
65 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

66 (a) An organization may make contributions or expenditures, other  
67 than those made to promote the success or defeat of a referendum  
68 question, only by first forming its own political committee. The  
69 political committee shall then be authorized to receive funds  
70 exclusively from the organization's treasury or from voluntary  
71 contributions made by its members, but not both, from another  
72 political committee or, from a candidate committee distributing a  
73 surplus and (1) to make contributions or expenditures to, or for the  
74 benefit of, [a candidate's campaign or] a political party, or (2) to make  
75 contributions to another political committee. No organization shall  
76 form more than one political committee.

77 Sec. 43. Section 9-333q of the general statutes is repealed and the  
78 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

79 (a) No political committee established by an organization shall  
80 make a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of, any  
81 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or for election. [to  
82 the office of: (1) Governor, in excess of two thousand five hundred  
83 dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer,  
84 Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of one thousand five  
85 hundred dollars; (3) chief executive officer of a town, city or borough,  
86 in excess of one thousand dollars; (4) state senator or probate judge, in  
87 excess of five hundred dollars; or (5) state representative or any other  
88 office of a municipality not previously included in this subsection, in  
89 excess of two hundred fifty dollars.]

90 (b) [No such committee shall make a contribution or contributions  
91 to, or for the benefit of, an exploratory committee, in excess of two  
92 hundred fifty dollars.] Any such committee may make unlimited  
93 contributions to a political committee formed solely to aid or promote  
94 the success or defeat of a referendum question.

95 [(c) The limits imposed by subsection (a) of this section shall apply  
96 separately to primaries and elections and no such committee shall  
97 make contributions to the candidates designated in this section which  
98 in the aggregate exceed fifty thousand dollars for any single election  
99 and primary preliminary thereto.]

100 [(d)] (c) No political committee established by an organization shall  
101 make contributions in any one calendar year to, or for the benefit of, (1)  
102 the state central committee of a political party, in excess of five  
103 thousand dollars; (2) a town committee, in excess of one thousand  
104 dollars; or (3) any political committee, other than an exploratory  
105 committee or a committee formed solely to aid or promote the success  
106 or defeat of a referendum question, in excess of two thousand dollars.

107 [(e)] (d) No political committee established by an organization shall  
108 make contributions to the committees designated in subsection [(d)] (c)  
109 of this section, which in the aggregate exceed fifteen thousand dollars  
110 in any one calendar year. Contributions to a political committee

111 established by an organization shall also be subject to the provisions of  
112 section 9-333t in the case of a committee formed for ongoing political  
113 activity or section 9-333u in the case of a committee formed for a single  
114 election or primary."